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SPRING SESSION—1900.

CROOKED CREEK, UNION COUNTY, N. C.,
MAY 5TH, 1900.

Met at the stand at eleven o'clock and introductory sermon preached by Elder J. E. Williams from 2nd chapter and 2nd verse of Song of Solomon.

Intermission thirty minutes, then the ministers and messengers convened in the house, and service opened with praise and prayer by Brother H. M. Williams, and proceeded to business as follows:

1. Called for and read letters from the churches and their status noted.

2. Reorganized by appointing Elder J. F. Mills Moderator and J. W. Jones Clerk.

3. Called on corresponding messengers from sister associations to report. No messengers present.

4. Invited visiting brethren from sister associations to seats. Elder E. E. Lundy from White Oak was present and seated.

5. Appointed a Committee of Arrangements as follows: Elder A. G. Morton and Brethren J. A. Little, T. A. Helms, with Moderator and Clerk.

6. Appointed Elders S. C. Little, J. F. Mills and J. E. Williams to preach at the stand on to-morrow. Service to commence at ten o'clock, a. m.

7. Adjourned to half past nine Monday morning. Benediction by the Moderator.

While the Association was in session in the house, Elder E. E. Lundy was called to the stand and preached from 1st to 13th verse of 5th chapter of John.

Sunday Morning, May 6th.

Met at the stand and service opened by Elder S. C. Little, who preached from 1st verse of 11th chapter of Revelations.

Elder E. E. Lundy followed, using for a text the 8th verse of the 5th chapter of Isaiah.

Intermission thirty minutes. After which Elder J. F. Mills preached from 21st verse of 5th chapter of 2nd Corinthians.

Elder J. E. Williams preached last, his text being the 19th and 20th verses of 68th Psalm.

The exercises throughout the day were extremely pleasant and very comforting to the saints.

Monday Morning, May 7th.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder A. G. Morton.

8. Called on Committee of Arrangements to report. Report submitted, adopted and committee discharged.

9. Called names of Messengers, noted absentees thus * and read Rules of Decorum.

10. Called on Presbyteries to report. No report.

11. That the consideration of receiving the Liberty Hill church letter be referred to our fall session at Jones Hill.

12. That we return thanks to God, this church and people of this vicinity for kindness and hospitality during the meeting.

13. Then adjourned to time and place mentioned in our last minutes.

ELDER J. F. MILLS, MODERATOR.
J. W. JONES, CLERK.

While the Association was in session in the house, Elders Morton and Lundy preached at the stand.

Spring Session, 1900—Messengers.

Bear Creek—W. P. Bowers, J. H. Herrin, E. N. Herrin*.
Bethany—E. C. Jones*, P. Vaughan*, A. D. Maness*.
Crooked Creek—W. D. Benton, Elder J. E. Williams, H. M. Williams.
Clarks Grove—E. Barbee*, J. F. Howell.
Freedom—Elder Jesse Brown*, J. H. Hinson, J. A. Holt*.
High Hill—J. J. Hill, C. A. McRorie, C. A. Helms.
Howards Chapel—D.B. Howard, R.B. Burris, John Smith*.
Jerusalem—James Godwin, Ben Thomas, T. A. Helms.
Jones Hill—Elder A. G. Morton, Jona Morton, J. A. Little.
Liberty—Not represented.
Liberty Hill—Not represented.
Lawyers Spring—J. W. Jones, W. D. Edwards, Perry Rushing.
Meadow Creek—J. A. Barbee, E. F. Huneycutt*.
Mountain Creek—A. Vanhoy, A. F. Huneycutt, J. C. Miller*.
Pleasant Hill—J. S. Norris*, H. P. Cashen*.
Union Grove—I. N. Medlin*, T. F. Hill*, Josiah Baucom*.
Watson—Elder J. F. Mills, J. D. Helms, S. L. Mullis.

Absentees marked thus *.

FALL SESSION—1900.

JONES HILL, STANLY COUNTY, N. C.,
OCTOBER 6TH, 1900.

Assembled at the stand at eleven o'clock, a. m., and the introductory sermon was preached by Elder A. G. Morton from the thirtieth verse of first chapter of 1st Corinthians.

Intermission thirty minutes. After which the ministers and messengers present convened in the house in an associated capacity and opened with praise and prayer by Elder J. E. Adams and then proceeded to business as follows:

1. Called for and read letters from the churches composing the Association and their status minuted. (See fall table.)

2. Reorganized by appointing Elder J. F. Mills Moderator and J. W. Jones Clerk.

3. Called for corresponding messengers from sister associations to report. Brethren Sam Snider and P. M. Foster of Abbotts Creek were present and seated in council.

Also received minutes from Abbotts Creek, Mountain District, Silver Creek, Center and Cool Spring Associations. Received no intelligence from Mill Branch whatever.

4. Invited visiting brethren from sister associations to seats. Elder J. E. Adams of Little River, Elder A. Gardner of Fishers River, and Elder W. T. Broadway of Abbotts Creek and also Brother S. C. Jones of Silver Creek were present and welcomed.

5. Appointed a Committee on Arrangements, to report Monday, as follows. Elder S. C. Little and Brethren J. D. Helms, S. L. Mullis, with Moderator and Clerk.

6. Appointed Brethren J. J. Hill and S. A. Helms a Committee on Finance to report Monday also.

7. Elected by ballot Elders J. E. Adams, A. Gardner and W. T. Broadway to preach at the stand to-morrow. Service to commence at 10, a. m.

8. Adjourned to half past nine Monday morning. Benediction by the Moderator.

While the Association was in session in the house, Elders A. Gardner and W. T. Broadway both preached at the stand.

Sunday, October 7th.

Met at the stand at 10 o'clock, a. m., and service opened by Elder J. E. Williams with singing and prayer. Elder J. E. Adams then preached from 12th verse of 13th chapter of Isaiah. Elder Broadway then preached; but we don't remember his text.

Intermission thirty minutes. Then worship continued by Elder A. Gardner who preached from 18th and 19th verses of 6th chapter of Matthew. The word was preached in faithfulness to a large concourse of people.

Monday Morning, October 8th.

9. Met in the house pursuant to adjournment, praise and prayer by Brother H. M. Williams; then proceeded to business.

10. Called on Committee of Arrangements, who read their report which was adopted and committee discharged.

11. Called names of messengers, noted absentees, and read Rules of Decorum.

12. At the request of brethren who were appointed to attend sister associations, they were excused for their non-attendence.

13. That we appoint correspondence with these associations as follows: To Abbotts Creek, Elders A. G. Morton, Jesse Brown, J. E. Williams, and Minutes; to Silver Creek, Elder J. F. Mills, Bro. J. S. Norris, and Minutes; to Center, Minutes; to Mountain District, Minutes; to Cool Spring, Elder J. E. Adams (our proxy) and Minutes; to Mill Branch, Minutes.

14. Called on Presbyteries to report, when Elder J. E. Williams reports that himself and Deacons J. D. Helms, H. M. Williams and Joel Mullis formed a Presbytery at High Hill and ordained Brethren A. M. Helms and Myers Medlin deacons of that church.

15. That our Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be attached to these minutes.

16. Call on Treasurer for report of old funds. He reports on hand from previous years the sum of $4.50.

17. Call on Committe on Finance to report. They report sent up by the churches this year $20.50. Total funds now on hand $25.00.

18. Resolved: That our next Spring Session convene with the church at Bethany, Anson county, N. C., 9½ miles south of Wadesboro, on Chesterfield road, and commence on Saturday

before 1st Sunday in May, 1901, and that Elder J. F. Mills is appointed to preach the introductory sermon at eleven o'clock, a. m., (Elder J. E. Williams alternate); and that the Fall or Annual Session be held with the church at Watson, Union county, N. C., commencing on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1901. Elder S. C. Little is appointed to preach the introductory sermon, (Elder A. G. Morton alternate). Service to commence at eleven, a. m.

19. The church at Crooked Creek asked the Association a question concerning changing their name, which was referred back for Crooked Creek to settle themselves.

20. The reference sent from our Spring Session at Crooked Creek concerning the reception of the letter from Liberty Hill as then sent to Spring Session was reported by the Clerk, and was decided that it could not be received; but having since then put themselves in gospel order, the present letter was received and their delegate seated in council.

21. Resolved: That we, the Association, or churches composing the Union, believe that receiving members in church fellowship by adoption who were in such fellowship prior to the division of the Baptists, should be wholly left to the discretion of the church where such application is made; but we advise that careful precaution be exercised in that of knowing or learning the manner of life such applicant has led since as well as before said division, so as to not abuse such privilege.

22. The Clerk is requested to ask Elder Gold to publish the times and sittings of the 1901 sessions in the Landmark.

23. That the Clerk have six hundred copies of these minutes printed, distribute as usual and that he have eight dollars for services.

24. That we return thanks to God, this church and people of this vicinity for kindness and hospitality during this meeting.

25. Adjourned to times and places above mentioned in these minutes. Benediction by the Moderator.

ELDER J. F. MILLS, MODERATOR,
Marshville, N. C.

J. W. JONES, CLERK,
Anson Co., Boylin, N. C.

While the Association was in session in the house, Elder Jesse Brown was called to the stand and preached, but the Clerk does not know what text of Scripture he used; but thus ended a largely attended and harmonious session of this Association and we trust the saints were benefitted thereby. CLERK.

Annual Table—Spring and Fall Statistics Consolidated—1900.

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	Rec. by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis'ed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	In Fellowship	Contributions For Minutes
Bear Creek	Aaron Furr, E. N. Herrin*, W. P. Bowers,	1					1	18	$1 50
Bethany	E. C. Jones*, P. Vaughan*, N. G. Jones,							10	1 10
Crooked Creek	Elder J. E. Williams, W. D. Benton, Sam Eason,	1					1	20	1 10
Clarks Grove	J. F. Howell, E. Barbee,	1		1				10	1 00
Freedom	J. H. Hinson, J. A. Holt,							7	75
High Hill	J. J. Hill, S. A. Helms, Crawford Helms,			2	8	2	2	48	2 00
Howards Chapel	D. B. Howard, W. H. Poplin, John Smith,							13	1 00
Jerusalem	James Godwin, Joe Thomas, Ben Thomas,						1	22	1 50
Jones Hill	Elder A. G. Morton, J. A. Little, Noah Hinson,							20	1 00
Liberty	Not represented,							19	
Liberty Hill	J. C. Gilbert*, R. McIntire,					2		10	1 05
Lawyers Spring	J. W. Jones, Thomas Tyson, Walter Edwards,	3					3	36	2 60
Meadow Creek	J. A. Barbee, D. E. Huneycutt*,	1					1	22	1 65
Mountain Creek	A. Vanhoy, J. C. Miller, A. F. Huneycutt,							14	65
Pleasant Hill	J. S. Norris, H. P. Cashen*,	1						11	1 00
Union Grove	T. F. Hill, Josiah Baucom,		1			1	1	25	1 00
Watson	J. D. Helms, S. L. Mullis, A. J. Deese,	3	5			1	1	26	1 50

Absentees marked thus *.

Annual Communion Meetings.

CHURCHES	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	The Annual Communion Meeting Time of Each Church.
Bear Creek	W. P. Bowers, Bloomington, N. C.	1st Sun. in Sept.
Bethany	N. G. Jones, Jones Creek, "	3rd Sun. in Aug.
Crooked Creek	S. W. Eason, Loves Level, "	3rd Sun. in July.
Clarks Grove	E. Barbee, Garmond, "	
Freedom	J. A. Holt, Whitley, "	2nd Sun. in Sept.
High Hill	A. M. Helms, Monroe, "	1st Sun. in Sept.
Howards Chapel	W. H. Poplin, Efird's Mill, "	4th Sun. in Sept.
Jones Hill	J. A. Little, Big Lick, "	3rd Sun. in Sept.
Jerusalem	T. A. Helms, Negrohead, "	2nd Sun. in Aug.
Liberty	J. D. Whitley, Monroe, "	4th Sun. in July.
Liberty Hill	Jesse Gilbert, Big Lick, "	4th Sun. in July.
Lawyers Spring	J. W. Jones, White Store, "	1st Sun. in Aug.
Meadow Creek	E. F. Huneycutt, Big Lick, "	3rd Sun. in Aug.
Mountain Creek	A. F. Huneycutt, Bridgeport, "	2nd Sun. in Oct.
Pleasat Hill	J. S. Norris, Rock Cut, "	4th Sun. in June.
Union Grove	I. N. Medlin, Monroe, "	2nd Sun. in Sept.
Watson	S. L. Mullis, Sincerity, "	

The above dates, including Saturday before, also represent the regular Monthly Meeting Time of the Churches.

Financial Statement—1900.

Receipts { Sent up by the churches this year, ... $20.50.
Left over from last year, ... 4.50.

Total, ... $25.00.

Expenses { For printing these minutes, ... $12.00.
Allowance to Clerk, ... 8.00.

$20.00.

On hand now, ... $ 5.00.

J. W. JONES, Clerk and Treasurer.

Rules of Decorum.

1st. A Moderator, or Chief Speaker, and Clerk may be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

2nd. The Chief, Speaker, or Moderator, shall take his seat at the hour to which the Association shall be adjourned, and after prayer shall proceed to business. It shall be his duty to keep order, and shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as that of another member; provided he appoint one of the members to fill the chair during the exercise of such privilege, and in no case shall give a vote unless the Association be equally divided.

3rd. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Chief Speaker by the appellation of brother, and while speaking shall confine himself strictly to the subject in question, and shall not be interrupted unless he digress from the subject, and shall in no wise reflect on any other speaker, so as to make remarks on his slips and failings and imperfections, but shall fairly give his own views of the case without sophistry or criticism.

4th. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject without leave of the Association.

5th. No person shall absent himself from the Association without leave.

6th. No member of the Association shall address any other member by any other term or name than that of brother.

7th. The Chief Speaker, or Moderator, shall not interrupt one member to prohibit him from speaking until his speech is finished, except he break the Rules of Decorum.

8th. The names of all the members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and be called over as often as the Association may require.

Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break or violate any of the foregoing rules of this Association, shall be reproved by the Association in any way they may think proper.

Articles of Faith.

Article 1. We believe in one only living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Art. 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, providence, grace and glory, and in relative union with the divine Word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Art. 3. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written revealed word of God, and are the only perfect rule of faith and practice for God's church in her militant state while here on earth.

Art. 4. We believe the doctrine of Election, that God chose his church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Art. 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, their federal head.

Art. 6. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin.

Art. 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Art. 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and his righteousness only.

Art. 9. We believe that God's elect or church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Art. 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

Art. 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men.

Art. 12. We believe that no man as a minister has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptised, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular Presbytery.

Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

Art. 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.